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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q52816

Hiroaki TAKAYAMA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/214,155

Group Art Unit: 1616

Confirmation No.: 5866

Examiner: Sabiha N. Qazi

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For: VITAMIN D3 DERIVATIVE AND ITS PRODUCTION METHOD

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 10, 2002. The Examiner set a three month period for the response. Attached hereto and herein incorporated by reference is a Petition for a three-month extension of time, making the due date for response December 10, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

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Claim 3 (Amended). A 1,25-dihydroxy-2-methylvitamin D₃ compound, wherein the compound is

- (i) (20S)-1 α , 25-dihydroxy-2 β -methyl-3 β -vitamin D₃;
- (ii) (20S)-1 β , 25-dihydroxy-2 β -methyl-3 α -vitamin D₃;
- (iii) (20S)-1 α , 25-dihydroxy-2 α -methyl-3 β -vitamin D₃;
- (iv) (20S)-1 α , 25-dihydroxy-2 α -methyl-3 α -vitamin D₃.

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